

August 1993

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Future dates, times and event information need to be dropped off at the Ground Zero office by the 15th of the month .
Thanks.....

Be a patriot !! Join our fight against discrimination. Become a member! Cost is only \$10 !! And membership DOES have its privileges !!

AUGUST 3, TUESDAY, 8 PM MONTHLY VIGIL Acacia Park

AUGUST 4, WEDNESDAY and every Wednesday thereafter, the Colorado Springs Diversity Chorus practices from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM at the Unitarian Church, 730 N. Tejon. Come join the fun!

AUGUST 5, THURSDAY, 3 EVENTS

Ground Zero will join together with Come Out Colorado to man (and woman!) the pledge phones for Gay Pledge Night on Channel Twelve (6PM - 12PM). Volunteers needed. Call GZ office for more information.

The production, "Ground Zero Goes to Washington" will also be aired that night. Colorado Springs area residents may view Denver's Channel 12 on local Channel 68 (no -- not cable -- regular antenna -- but we suggest you call or write Jeff Tarbert, General Manager of Colorado Springs Cablevision, and request that they carry Channel 12 in the future.)

Ground Zero will air the full length version of "Sacred Lies/Civil Truths" on Colorado Springs Cablevision Channel 9, on Thursday, August 5 and Tuesday, August 17, 8PM.

AUGUST 7, SATURDAY, LESBIAN, GAY AND BISEXUAL YOUTH DAY, WEST STEPS OF THE STATE CAPITAL, sponsored by the GLCCC Youth Services and Equality Colorado.

AUGUST 8, Sunday, 5PM Mass on Capital steps with DIGNITY/ DENVER in honor of the papal visit. Dignity Denver has invited us to join them and has asked all Dignity chapter nationwide to conduct liturgies or prayer services simultaneously for this event.

AUGUST 8, SUNDAY 2 EVENTS!

2:00PM - 5:00PM "SPEAKERS TRAINING WORKSHOP sponsored by Ground Zero, facilitated by Jim Joy and Nancy Solomon, staff members of the ACLU State Office. Workshop will be held in the Gaylord Hall at the Worner Center, Colorado College. **No fee however reservations necessary.** Call GZ office for details.

7:00 PM, TOWN MEETING, Gaylord Hall of the Worner Center, Colorado College. Short business session followed by a presentation by Mr. Joy and Ms. Solomon on the legal status of Amendment 2 and information on statewide programs.

AUGUST 12, PENTHOUSE

AUGUST 19, TRUE COLORS

AUGUST 26, HIDE AND SEEK

ALL SHOWINGS ARE 8:00 PM

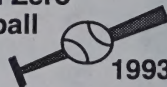
GROUND ZERO will sponsor the showing of the videos, "**Ground Zero Goes to Washington**", a production of Channel 12 (Denver) featuring Ground Zero's participation in the March on Washington, along with other Colorado contingencies and another video production by Channel 12 featuring both the **Colorado Springs and Denver Pridefest celebrations!**

AUGUST 27, MELANIE DE MORE, vocalist will appear in concert at the **Smokebursh Theatre**. Proceeds benefit Ground Zero. See page 6 for details. **performance at 8 PM Tickets \$7 in advance, \$8 at door. Availiable at GZ, Abaton and Smokebrush.**

Ground Zero Softball Schedule "Mark your calendars!" All games are played on the Blue Field at Mt. View (HWY 24 by Peterson AFB)

August 5	9pm	GZ vs. WAL-MART 1896
12	6pm	GZ vs. TEX MEX TAVERN

**Ground Zero
Softball**



The Ground Zero Softball Team needs your support. Come on out and see our victories!

Think your friends might be missing something? They Are! Why not share this copy of the Ground Zero Newsletter with your friends, and let them fill out the membership form below to start receiving ALL the Ground Zero information, ALL the time.

Yes, I want to join Ground Zero in its fight against "2". Enclosed is \$_____.
(\$10.00 is suggested, however if you can afford more it would be very appreciated. With a \$10.00 membership you will receive GZ's monthly newsletter full of information.

Please, mark one of the following:

_____ Enter my name on your membership list.

_____ Accept this donation but do not place my name on your rolls at this time.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____ (By including your phone #, you will be added to GZ's phone tree.)

Drop your donation/membership by the office or mail to Ground Zero P.O.Box 1982, Colorado Springs, Co. 80901

INJUNCTION UPHELD!!

"AMENDMENT DEALT DEATH BLOW..."

In a 6 - 1 decision, the state Supreme Court upheld an injunction issued January 15 by Denver District Judge Jeffrey Bayless that has kept Amendment 2 from becoming law. Ground Zero would like to share with our membership the complete press statement of Bruce Loeffler in regard to this decision.

" Amendment 2 is a lemon sold to the voters of Colorado by Will Perkins and Colorado for Family Values. In January, Judge Bayless looked under the hood and found that it probably wouldn't run. Today, the Colorado Supreme Court agreed with Judge Bayless.

Ground Zero is pleased and encouraged that the Colorado Supreme Court voted 6-1 to uphold the preliminary injunction enjoining the state from enforcing the discriminatory Amendment 2. Both the Colorado Supreme Court and Judge Bayless found that amendment 2 is likely to violate the Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution and therefore that it is likely to be found unconstitutional. Accordingly, the Colorado Supreme Court has upheld the injunction against Amendment 2.

The decision of the Colorado Supreme Court today is an issue of national importance since Amendments patterned on Amendment 2 are being put forward in a dozen other states, including California, Idaho, Oregon, Florida, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Washington.

It is likely that these amendments will also be found unconstitutional. As Ground Zero has maintained, it is unconstitutional to allow state sanctioned discrimination against one group.

Today's decision marks another victory in what will be a protracted battle. Colorado for Family Values already has two other versions of Amendment 2 to bring forward should the current Amendment 2 be declared unconstitutional. Additionally, CFV may decide to go from municipality to municipality as the Oregon Citizens Alliance has done. Ultimately, both Judge Bayless and the Colorado Supreme Court are likely to find Amendment 2 unconstitutional. However, such a decision could be appealed to the US Federal Courts.

Although pleased with today's decision, we anticipate a protracted battle over Amendment 2 and see a continuing need to educate the public as to implications of legislation that allows discrimination that denies equal rights. Ground Zero will further work to identify the lies, myths and disinformation promulgated by the Militant Religious right and to correct them."

WHAT'S NEXT?

"The fight over the controversial gay-rights measure could drag on for years", according to the Denver Post. Below is a long range view of this battle which was presented in the Denver Post, Tuesday, July 20 edition.

* For now, the amendment is not in effect pending further court action.

*The attorney general's office, which is defending the amendment, may appeal yesterday's decision to the U.S. Supreme Court.

*It could take months for high court to decide whether to take the case - and it review only about 100 of the 5,000 some cases appealed to it every year.

*If the U.S. Supreme Court takes the case, review could take months more.

*Assuming high court action doesn't stop state proceeding, Denver District Judge Jeff Bayless will decide if Amendment 2 is constitutional following a trial that starts in October.

*Based on the Colorado Supreme Court ruling, some legal experts feel the state has little chance of winning before Bayless.

*Any Bayless decision could be appealed.

*If Amendment 2 ultimately is found unconstitutional after appeals are exhausted, its supporters have vowed to submit a retooled gay-rights measure to Colorado Voters.

*Passage of a "substitute" Amendment 2 likely would set off a fresh round of lengthy court appeals.

New Committee formed

An Advocacy Committee has recently formed within Ground Zero. This committee will initiate a community outreach program to discuss lesbian, gay and bisexual issues with church groups, community organizations and the media.

Our primary goal is to enter into a dialogue with people who aren't aware that they know someone who is gay/lesbian/bisexual. Secondary goals include refuting the distortions and lies coming from pro discrimination organizations and responding to the media.

We are currently looking for speakers (singles & couples) who would like to talk to church groups, social organizations and the media. We are also looking for coordinators; to solicit and schedule speaking arrangements and to coordinate speakers with the various media contacts.

If you are interested in being part of this committee or just want to occasionally participate, contact Mike F. at 635-6086 GZ Office or at 528-6920 (home).

CFV Fundraiser

Press Release from GZ

Colorado for Family Values has recently launched a campaign to raise a million dollars purportedly to support Amendment 2 in 1994. It seems obvious by CFV's recent statements and involvement in initiative processes in other states that they have goals and interests far beyond Colorado's borders. Kevin Tebedo has been touting the agenda of the religious right across America. Recently in Missouri, it was announced that between \$500,000 and a million dollars would be spent on the initiative process there.

On a daily basis, television evangelists decry the desperate need for more and more money to fight the so called "Militant Homosexual Agenda." Ground Zero believes that tens of millions of dollars have been raised to promote the lies, myths and stereotypes fed to the American public to vilify and dehumanize homosexuals. How much of this money actually reached its intended purpose is suspect.

We in the homosexual community have long realized that we are but tools to be used by the politically motivated religious right to gain money and power. It is their ultimate intention to establish a de facto (if not actual) theocratic form of government in America. Those who do not conform to their view of what is acceptable will be segregated into the invisible society. They will be effectively eliminated from viable participation in American life and government.

"Show Me State" could be next amendment victim

Contributed by Equality Colorado

A group calling itself The Amendment Coalition filed language with the Missouri Secretary of State on Wednesday that would put an anti-gay constitutional amendment on the Missouri statewide ballot in November 1994.

The amendment is modeled after one adopted in Colorado in November, '92. I would ban state, cities, and other government units from enacting laws protecting people from discrimination based on their sexual orientation. In Missouri, four cities - St. Louis, Kansas City, Festus and Columbia -- have such laws that bar discrimination in housing, public accommodations, and employment on the basis of sexual orientation.

Coalition leader Kerry Messer predicted his group would spend \$500,000 to \$2 million total on the petition drive and election campaign. Messer, who lives in Festus, is a lobbyist for Missouri Family Network, which he describes as a "networking organization for conservatives with traditional family values."

The group has to gather 115,000 signatures of registered voters in six of the state's nine congressional districts by July 8, 1994. Messer said the campaign will circulate petitions at churches and civic gatherings. Similar petition drives are under way in Oregon, Idaho, Washington state, Michigan, California, Florida and Maine.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER !!!!!

Beginning with the March on Washington and continuing with the Pridefest marches in Colorado Springs and Denver, the Colorado Springs GLBT community has been at the center of attention because of its enthusiastic participation and its novel presentation.

The entire GLBT community deserves the credit for the success of these efforts. The support and enthusiasm has seemed limitless. Especially worthy of note is the award as the entrant making the BEST STATEMENT in the Denver parade which was awarded to the Colorado Springs Contingent.

Many contributed greatly to this effort and one is reluctant to name some for fear of missing other. Several, however, do stand out including Al L. and Dennis L., who coordinated the participation and the artistic development. Jeff M. contributed greatly to costume and banner design and production, and Geoffrey A. lent support in all areas. Mikie C. performed miracles with the sewing machine, and Tim & W.W. at the Penthouse, were there whenever their support was needed.

Congratulations to the entire community from all of us at Ground Zero!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO GROUND ZERO AND ALL ITS MEMBERS!!!!

Ground Zero received two awards at the recent Pikes Peak Community Awards. We would like to share them with you.....

GROUND ZERO is the recipient of the Pikes Peak Community Award in the category of Outstanding Contribution and Support to the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community in regards to civil rights and political movements.

GROUND ZERO is the recipient of the Pikes Peak Community Award in the category of Outstanding Overall Contribution and Support to the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community by an organization.

National Institute of Health Report on Male Homosexuality

Press release July 15 by Mike F.

Ground Zero views with interest the report issued today (July 15) by the National Institute of Health with regard to the causes of male homosexuality.

The finding of the report indicate that there is a strong link between a significant number of incidence of male homosexuality and an anomaly in an X chromosome found in the male homosexual.

This finding certainly drives another nail into the claims of the militant right that homosexuality is simply a matter of choice. Nonetheless, Ground Zero's position remains that choice or genetics are not the issue. Rather, the issue is that discrimination that denies equal rights for any reason is unconstitutional.

GZ NEWSLETTER LOOKING FOR REPORTERS....

The Networking Committee is looking for able bodied individuals to cover events in the Colorado Springs and Denver areas. If you are interested, please contact the GZ office. Leave your number and a committee member will get back to you. This is fun work..... Try it you may like it!!!!



Our Friends in Pueblo

If you would like to support PUEBLO AFTER 2, please tell your friends about their Membership Drive. A prorated membership from August through April will only cost \$4.00/ individual or \$7.50/ family. Send donations in to PO. Box 1602, Pueblo, Colorado 81002.

August Town Meeting to feature ACLU Directors

On Sunday, August 8, Ground Zero will host two different meetings, both involving the ACLU State Office. Both will feature Jim Joy, Executive Director, and Nancy Solomon, Education Director of the ACLU.

We cordially invite all to attend either or both sessions. They promise to be entertaining as well as informative, as those who are familiar with Mr. Joy or Ms. Solomon can attest.

The first event is to be **SPEAKERS TRAINING WORKSHOP** and is aimed at those who wish to develop their abilities to answer and speak out on issues of all types that are important to use in this day and age. The thrust of this will not only address Amendment Two but general training to be an effective spokesperson. The session will be from 2PM to 5PM and is scheduled to be held in Gaylord Hall at the Worner Center on the Colorado College Campus.

In order to make appropriate arrangements for this session, it is essential that we have a close count of those who will participate. You are asked, therefore, to phone, fax or write to Frank at the GZ office with your reservation as soon as possible. There is no fee.

In the evening, at 7PM, Ground Zero will host its monthly Town Meeting, also in Gaylord Hall of the Worner Center at Colorado College. There will be a very short business session followed immediately by a presentation by Mr. Joy and Ms. Solomon, featuring an overview of the legal status of Amendment 2 and information on and pertinent parts of the programs they have been doing statewide, with ground Zero's support, to counteract CFV's "road show".

The Town Meeting is open to the supportive public and we hope that any who are interested will attend. Donations are accepted at this session (and, indeed, anytime).

Melanie DeMore: "We need Music that reaches People."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 8PM SMOKEBRUSH THEATRE. MELANIE DEMORE is coming to town to entertain us with her sweet voice. Ticket prices are \$7.00 in advance or \$8.00 at the door and are available at Smokebrush, Ground Zero Office and Abaton Bookstore.

Excepts taken from an article by J. Antoinette Johnson-Gross, **HOT WIRE** January, 1993.

"For the past several years, Bay area audiences have been treated to the music of African-American singer/songwriter Melanie DeMore. She's been developing a national following through performances at festivals around the country, and her fans nationwide were delighted when her latest recording, *Share My Song*, was released by Redwood Records last fall."

As Melanie puts it, " People are tired of being screamed at. Look at Tracy Chapman, Suzanne Vega, and Sinead O'Connor, who would have thought that they'd be this popular? People are ready to be sung to again, and those songs make your listen. We need music that reaches people."

Come to Smokebrush, Friday, August 27 to hear for yourself.....

CINCINNATI NEEDS YOUR HELP!!! Press release form Gay and Lesbian March Activists/ACT UP Cincinnati

A group calling itself Take Back Cincinnati is placing a charter amendment on the city ballot which, if passed, will deny gay, lesbian, and bisexual people the same protections under the law that all other citizens enjoy. The charter amendment would overturn the Cincinnati Human Rights Ordinance's inclusion of sexual orientation. These extremists are spreading the same lies that they used in Colorado and Oregon, that gays, lesbians, and bisexuals have "special rights," that we seek affirmative action and minority set-asides, that we're forcing our "chosen lifestyle" on everyone and destroying the traditional family.

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- August 14 HELPING GAY TEENS--PROGRAMS OF THE EL PASO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
- August 21 THE UN-MARRIAGE/SAME SEX DOMESTIC PARTNERS**

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

PLEASE SAVE YOUR CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS (LOGO INTACT) AND DROP THEM OFF AT THE GZ OFFICE. THESE ARE DONATED TO LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH A NOTE SAYING THAT THE GAY, LISBIAN AND BI-SEXUAL COMMUNIYT SUPPORTS EDUCATION (LABELS ARE USED TO PURCHASE LIBRARY MATERIALS).

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GROUND ZERO C/O FRANK MOSHER 1020 BONFOY AVE.
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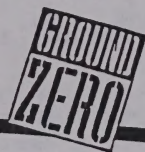
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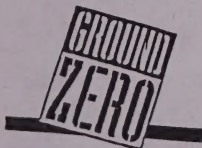
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Kim Sayers-Newlin
Hal Small
Willard Small
Kat Walter
Dawn Wilde

FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!

A RECEPTION ON JULY 30, FROM 6:00 TO 7:30 P.M.
AT THE SMOKEBRUSH GALLERY, 235 S. NEVADA

A juried art exhibition coinciding with "Romeo and Juliet,"
a Theatreworks presentation of the free Shakespeare Festival,
being held this year at the new Smokebrush Center for Arts
and Theatre. Both events run from July 30 through August 21.
For more information, call 444-0884.



Articles all this time more direct

Robin Hood Production\$

Presents

**Redwood Recording Artist
Melanie DeMore**

**Friday, August 27
8:00 p.m.
Smokebrush Center
235 South Nevada Avenue**

-- *With a voice described as "hard as obsidian, sweet as chocolate," Melanie DeMore's music invites listeners to stand up and take part in the joy of living in this world.*

-- *"Melanie DeMore's unique and captivating style draws from folk, blues, spiritual and gospel numbers."*

A portion of proceeds from this performance will be donated to Ground Zero, a grassroots community organization fighting discrimination and prejudice in the Pikes Peak region.

Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door and are available at Abaton Books, the Smokebrush Center and the Ground Zero office. For more information call Ground Zero at (719) 635-6086.



This event is wheelchair accessible and will be interpreted for the hearing impaired.



Help Cincinnati...continued from page 6

You can help us stop them by telling Cincinnati civic and business leaders how important human rights are for all citizens, and how bigotry is bad business. Cincinnati want to be a leading Midwestern financial and cultural center. Tell them this is not possible unless Cincinnati's leaders speak out publicly against Take Back Cincinnati's referendum.

Assure Cincinnati leaders that you will do no business in any city which cannot guarantee all citizens full human rights and equal protection under the law. Tell them you value your gay, lesbian, and bisexual associates, employees, members, and clients.

Please send copies of your letters to:

▽ Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, President John Williams, Carew Tower 3rd Floor, 5th and Vine Streets, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

▽ Cincinnati Convention Center, Manager Dale Lewis, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

▽ Cincinnati City Council, c/o Sandy Sherman, Clerk of Council, City Hall, 801 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

▽ The Cincinnati Enquirer, 312 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

▽ The Cincinnati Post, 125 East Court Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

▽ Procter and Gamble, Attn.: President Edwin Artzt, PO. Box 599, Cincinnati, Ohio 45201

▽ Chiquita Brands International, Inc. Director of Public Relations, 29th floor, 250 East 5th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Please send copies of your letters to:

▽ GLMA/ACT UP, PO. Box 19530, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

▽ Equality Cincinnati, c/o Stonewall, PO. Box 954, Cincinnati, Ohio 45201.

COME OUT TO CLINTON CAMPAIGN FOUNDED

The formation of a new, Colorado based, multi-purpose national organization has been announced. The "Come Out to Clinton Campaign" is a national effort, committed to supporting President Clinton to end the military ban against gays and lesbians and encouraging the passage of a federal civil rights bill for everyone.

The goals of the right wing extremists are becoming more and more apparent. With passage of Amendment 2 in Colorado, that legalizes discrimination based on sexual orientation and with many similar measures being voted on across the country, it's apparent that something must be done on a national level regarding the basic human rights of lesbians, gays and bisexuals.

The goals of the "Come Out to Clinton Campaign" are twofold: Primary, the goal is to make it simpler than ever to have everyone's voice heard in the nations capital, more specifically; to generate and send letters of encouragement to President Clinton reminding him that we're here and that without our vote, he wouldn't be President!! Secondly, the money raised through the efforts will be donated to various gay and lesbian organizations nationally and locally.

Letters to President Clinton are generated and sent when a person calls 1-900-285-5462. The cost of the call (added to the callers phone bill) is \$2.90 per minute with an average of 2 minutes per call. This is the simplest, easiest and most economical way to have your voice heard in the nations capital. (A person must be 19 to use the service). The caller is asked to leave their name and address, in strictest confidence, and your letter to the President goes out the next day.

The campaign, although based in Colorado, is seeking organizations, businesses and individuals, across the country, who are interested in making money for their favorite non-profit organizations. They are encouraged to call and leave specific information regarding that and they will be contacted as soon as possible or they can write to the campaign at PO. Box 18983 Denver Colorado 80218, attention: Russ J. Nesiba.

Attention Please...

The political committee is presently separating itself from Ground Zero to form a 501(c)(4) entity within the G.L.B.T community of El Paso County. This is a necessary step to take since Ground Zero is a 501(c)(3) organization which places certain limits on how much and what kind of political activities it can be involved in. Simple Justice will be the name of this soon to be new organization. Keep your eyes and ears open for further information coming your way in the near future concerning this new non-profit organization.

A SPECIAL THANKS.....

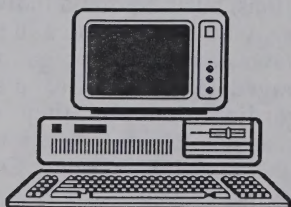
Since the day the Ground Zero office opened, member Jim V. has been totally supportive. Within a week, he assembled and brought in a complete computer system, has since upgraded it and continually answers calls of desperation from the office by dropping whatever he is doing and rushing down to solve the problem of the minute.

Most recently, however, we infringed on his already too busy schedule to ask him to apply another one of the talents. He put together and sewed Ground Zero's part of the Diversity Dragon. Because we were late, as usual, he stayed up all night to complete it.

Jim has never asked for anything in return for this efforts and probably receives a minimal amount of appreciation to boot.

Well, Jim deserves a plug. he also runs the Diversity BBS. if you are interested in signing on, call 1-719-685-1378.

Thanks again Jim. We do appreciate you.....



Note: The Diversity BBS will be shut down during the month of August while the system is being upgraded.

GROUND ZERO TO ESTABLISH LENDING LIBRARY

The Research Committee of Ground Zero has announced that it will begin accumulating printed materials, magazines, audio and video tapes and books of relevance to the GLBT community to be made available to be checked out by the membership and support organizations. It is hoped that this will be fully operational by September 1, 1993.

In order to accomplish this, the Research Committee is calling for donations of materials and books (or money designated for purchases). Bookshelves are also needed.

Arrangements have been made with " Lesbians in Colorado" to donate a large collection of books of particular interest to the lesbian community and we should received these soon.

Ground Zero has completed its 501(C)(3) application and should receive confirmation shortly, if indeed it has not arrived before you receive this newsletter. Once received, any contributions tuns to Ground Zero should be deductible from your 1993 income taxes, either cash or in Kind (books, desks, etc..... and this will be retroactive to our date of incorporation last January). If you intend to use items or money donated, make sure that you obtain a proper receipt.

When the time comes that the Community Center has a permanent location, it is envisioned that arrangements would be made to house the collection there.

Any donations you can make to this cause, will be appreciated!!!



Editorial Response

Terry Schleder, Director of Boycott Colorado responds to (your favorite Colorado Springs newspaper) the GT's editorial which appeared on July 8, 1993.

"Dear Editor:

Your editorial on Colorado's Amendment 2 as a "bellwether" was frightening. The only think that's catching about Amendment 2 is the ignorance and fear it represents, and the loss of lives and dollars it causes. Amendment 2 may very well spread, but not if good people across the country wake-up. Financially, this law is the most expensive ballot initiative Colorado has ever seen. But Amendment 2 is a moral issue. This law, not even in effect yet, has caused suicides and violent crimes against gay men and lesbians to rise dramatically. How do you quantify lost lives, jobs and housing? Colorado for Family Values equated these basic rights with "special rights". This malicious propaganda is unjust, inhuman and expensive, and over 175 organizations, cities and companies are telling Colorado so. The real "verbal and economic intimidators: in Colorado are CFV, who cloaked this hate law in lies and sold it to our state first. That's nothing to be proud of. The Holocaust in Nazi Germany did not happen overnight, it started with laws like Amendment 2. Let's hope justice and compassion prevail before this law causes any more pain, both here and around the country, or before Amendment 2's proponents have time to light the ovens."

Western Slope News

The Common Decency Coalition (CDC) is alive and well and KICKING on the Western Slope. In an advertisement in the July 11, 1993 issue of Grand Junction's *The Daily Sentinel*, CDC promoted "Straight Talk About Amendment 2", where members of the straight community in Grand Junction explained the harm brought on by Amendment 2. There were many great quotes, but our favorite was "Talent and ability are being wasted in our society because of prejudice that is based upon ignorance and fear." --Nels Werner

You can contact CDC at: P.O. Box 3335, Grand Junction, CO 81502

Tony Marco and AFV

Ground Zero Representatives attended a press conference with Tony Marco announcing a new organization called American for Family Values which is designed to present an "objective view" of the threat of the "Militant Gay Political Agenda."

Tony Marco emphasized that the materials and information put out by AFV will provide "the public with a complete and balanced understanding of the protected class status for gays" even though he used the same rhetoric and distorted propaganda during the press conference when referring to gays and lesbians as more affluent and better educated than minorities.

Marco stated that he is "wide open to any input from gay militants and gay non-militants alike...." Marco compiled the position statement for CFV, which was based on distortions, outdated material and out and out lies.

Responses to the Press Conference:

Mike F. Ground Zero Spokesperson

"In reading the statement to the press and the additional literature, I believe that Tony Marco and AFV are attempting to capitalize on people's fear, hatred and ignorance of gays, lesbians and bisexuals."

"Tony Marco stressed that "all available viewpoints will be made available" but in his statement it says that AFV will only allow "selected opinion leaders and researchers to access and input their databases..." This is obviously a contradiction."

Sherry Wise, Ground Zero Delegate-at-Large

"Gays, lesbians and bisexuals are not seeking "protected class status" and for Marco to launch an organization based on this assumption only lends credence that AFV is just another anti-gay organization, providing information and materials for "religious right" and other discriminatory groups."

"AFV is a think tank attempting to formalize and legalize discrimination against a class of people that pose no viable threat to religious and/or secular society."

Watchin' the "RIGHT"

Kevin's Road Show



CFV Executive Director Kevin Tebedo has taken CFV's "Community Watch Seminars" on a national tour. Tebedo spoke to the Youth Action Coalition (YAC) at Linden Christian High School in Bellingham, Washington on June 12, 1993. YAC, along with the help of the Reverend Gary Small, raised \$2,000 for Tebedo to speak to 150 people on "The Gay Agenda, Its Threat, and What Christians Can Do About It."

In his presentation, Tebedo urged Washington to pass a Colorado-style initiative because "there can be no compromise or peaceful coexistence with homosexuals." He then outlined a step-by-step approach to begin a state-wide campaign.

"If you think about it, the question boils down to who is bigger than whom? The game of politics is simply who has got the biggest bat and who can swing the fastest," said Tebedo. Tebedo's presentation was video taped for state-wide distribution.

Tebedo has also made appearances in Topeka, KS., Kansas City, MO., and Vincennes, In.

"This just goes to show that CFV is not only concerned about Colorado. They are part of a national crusade to change American democratic principles to that a specific group of citizens can be excluded from participating in the political process," Said Lawrence Pacheco, spokesperson for Equality Colorado, a group that is fighting Colorado's Amendment 2.

COR IS CUMIN'

Contributed by Frank M.

Hitch up the welcome wagons!!!! Yet another fanatical right-sing group hiding in the guise of the religious right is coming to town. Visiting our fair city on June 18 and 19, Jay Grimstead met with "like-minded" leaders to help him decide to move "Coalition on Revival" to Colorado Springs.

This group is at least more open about their agenda to turn America into a Christian theocracy. Here are a few quotes from its leader.

"We deny that anyone, Jew or Gentile, believer or unbeliever, private person or public official, is exempt from the moral juridical obligation before God to submit to Christ's lordship over every aspect of His life in thought, work and deed.

All levels of society, i.e., the home, all levels of government, the courts, the educational institutions, business and industry, science and medicine, the media, arts and entertainment, etc., must be penetrated, reviewed and reformed to operate under the lordship of Christ.

The Bible is the plum line of all nations, Christians or Non-Christians, by which all nations are to measure the justice and wisdom of all their laws, governments, procedures and society in general."

Perhaps the arrival of this groups will alert citizens to the true nature of the goals of the fanatical right. It would be very helpful if the light of publicity shown brightly on this man and his ideas. The Gazette tucked away a short column in the fifth section, page 3 of the Saturday paper. Maybe we can make their pending arrival more visible.

Sound Off...a Member speaks about The Boycott

So much discussion has developed around the boycott since the appearance of Torie Osborn at the Ground Zero Town Meeting that I thought it of interest to explore the subject of boycott and my perception of it.

Ground Zero has never emphasized the boycott as a primary goal or reason for its existence. It did, however, endorse the boycott as one way, perhaps the strongest, that a message could be sent rejecting Amendment 2. Ground Zero has never worked proactively seeking others to boycott. In addition, if one cannot or will not observe the boycott, Ground Zero does not vilify them but, rather, works with them to find other ways to let their voices be heard.

Notwithstanding this, I have observed that Ground Zero's endorsement of the boycott has been an important part of its success, a success viewed as important across the country. The effects of the boycott are not viewed just from its economic impact (and this boycott is running far ahead of the Arizona boycott in this department) but also from its political impact. From Maine to Oregon and from Minnesota to Florida, the boycott is being used by local groups fighting their own initiatives. The governor of Michigan, a conservative, urged opposition to the initiative there sighting the economic impact of the boycott; business leaders in Florida, Oregon and Idaho are using the same tactic. In Colorado, business leaders in Colorado Springs and Denver, largely motivated by the boycott, have been seeking a way to overturn 2.

Fred Brown, the Denver Post political editor, pointed out that he had first thought the boycott would be a fleeting affair but not realizes that it is too important to the national effort to be soon over, empowering business and political interest in other states to stand strong against initiatives rather than to take the backseat like much of Colorado's leadership did.

Even Tori Osborn, who, new to the national scene suggested reexamination of the boycott position, after such a second look, has strongly re-endorsed it.

Just before, and shortly after, Tori Osborn remarks, I was leaning toward a change in the boycott position nationally and locally. Since, I have had the chance to "re-examine" this position, to talk with people all across the country and to realize that the boycott is not an institution but a tool. When it is time for it to go, we should be ready to part with it but: 1. This remains too important an issue and tool to let go at this time. 2. When the time does come to let it go, this should not be the decision of one group but a united decision, reached through consensus with the majority of organizations across the nation who are now supporting it, and 3. the success of it should be subject of a national celebration when it is let go.

People across America look to Ground Zero almost as Folk Heroes, standing up to enormous opposition much like David stood up to Goliath. Its name and purpose is one of the most recognized in the movement. When the decision is ultimately made the decision to end the boycott, it will be viewed with much weight by all concerned. Until then, Ground Zero's moderate stance, an endorsement while focusing on its education and community outreach efforts, seems to me to be the best course.

This perspective sent in by GZ member, Franklin W.

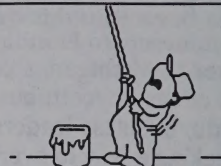
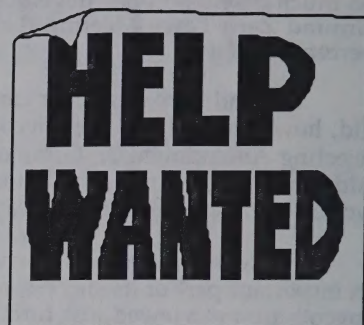
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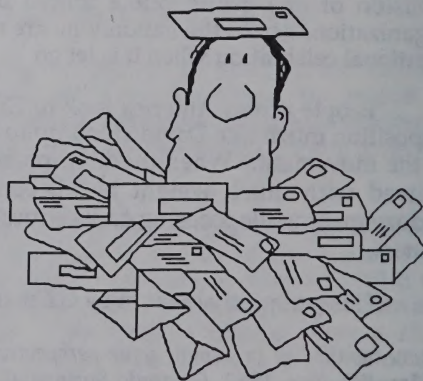
"Is it too much as ASK of every citizen, to work together and make this city, this state and country a friendlier place to live and raise our children."

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